

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Olympia, Washington**

To: Oxygen Providers
Pharmacists
Managed Care Organizations

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From: Douglas Porter, Assistant Secretary
Health and Recovery Services
Administration (HRSA)

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Subject: Oxygen Program: Clarifying Policy, Coverage and Fee Schedule Updates

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2007, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) will update the *Oxygen Program Billing Instructions* with the following:

- Change the name of the Oxygen and Respiratory Therapy Program to the Oxygen Program;
- Update the coverage table and coverage policy; and
- Update the fee schedule.

What is changing?

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has changed the name of its Oxygen and Respiratory Therapy Program to Oxygen Program. HRSA is adopting the same program name and updating its billing instructions to match the federal name change.

Code Updates

- **Effective July 1, 2007**, the following new codes are added: K0553, K0554, and K0555.
- **Effective July 1, 2007**, CPT code 94656 has been discontinued and replaced with CPT code 94005.
- **Effective July 1, 2007**, HRSA is updating the *Oxygen Program Billing Instructions* to update coverage and policy information.

Code	Modifier	Description	Policy/Comments
E0601	RP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure System (CPAP)	Added the RP modifier which allows billing for the purchase of a replacement CPAP (after the 5 year limit, and when the machine is no longer functional, and/or not cost effective to repair). This will eliminate the 2-month rental requirement in this situation.
E0431		Portable gaseous oxygen system	Clarified that the rental price includes a one-month supply of oxygen for that client.

Code	Modifier	Description	Policy/Comments
K0738		Portable gaseous oxygen system used to fill portable oxygen cylinder	Clarified that the rental price includes a one-month supply of oxygen for that client.
E0443		Oxygen contents, gaseous (for use only with portable gaseous system when no stationary gas or liquid system is used)	Clarified that this code is allowed only for client-owned equipment.

Maximum Allowable Fees

HRSA is updating the Oxygen Program fee schedule.

Visit HRSA's web site at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/Index.html> to view the new fee schedule, effective July 1, 2007.

Bill HRSA your usual and customary charge.

Contact Information

Send reimbursement rate issues, questions, or comments to:

Oxygen Program Rates Manager
Professional Reimbursement Section
Division of Rates and Finance
PO Box 45510
Olympia, WA 98504-5510
360.725.2139
Fax # 360.753.9152

Send authorization issues, questions, or comments to:

Oxygen Program Policy Manager
Division of Healthcare Services
PO Box 45506
Olympia WA 98504-5506
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New Billing Instructions

HRSA developed new *Oxygen Program Billing Instructions*. See "How can I get HRSA's provider documents?" for information on obtaining these new billing instructions.

How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.

